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Original Poetry.

"MY BOYHOOD'S FRIEND."

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.
BY F. H. HENRY.

I.

Oft in the twilight's composing hour,
When peace broods o'er the earth and sky,
Upon the pinions of my heart I soar,
With throbbing heart and tearful eye,
Then enter the thoughts of early days—

Of early friends and early pleasures,
Entwined in childhood's happy wreaths.
Oh! these are Memory's choicest treasures,
Though mingled oft with bitter tears.

That Hooper, which moved to mirthful measures
Its wee-sie sliding round to Fears.

II.

Mr Boyhood's friend, the place we met
Is pictured in my Memory true—
It was upon a grassy knoll.

Upon the school yard, where
Where arm in arm, we used to stroll
Companions cheerful and so true
To full of hope and pride—
Of joys to brighten future years,
Of hours we should glide,
With hearts not long disturbed by fears
Or thoughts of woe and pain.

III.

Summers we knew—but they were brief.
Seasons loitering on the cold decline—
Oh! sympathy brings sweet relief
Unto that spirit bowed and sore—
My sorrow touches, and I find a heart
In him I fondest cherish'd repose.
We shared each other's griefs and woes
Oh, learned days were those!

IV.

My Boyhood's friend, remembered days
Are yet fresh beneath the heart's core—
Even time had given a furrowed brow
To our locks, the hues of youth
Then cherish still the thoughts of old.
The sunshine brings
Unto the morning, and our
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Original Tales.

SEED TIME AND HARVEST.

WRITTEN FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST.
BY T. S. ARTHUR.

Whosoever a sins a cents, that shall he also reap.

Mr. Wiley, a lawyer of some ability, was sitting in his office one day, when an elderly gentleman came in and asked him if he could have a few minutes conference with him. The stranger was politely handed a chair, and asked his business.

"I've held claims against Frederick Powterfield," said the gentleman, as he seated himself.

"I do," replied the lawyer in a manner instantly changed—his tone contracting and his eye becoming stern.

"Are you aware that there have been several meetings of creditors, and that you were not present?"

"But, sure that you are aware of the fact I state, and I am sorry that you should have taken the trouble of coming to my office to inform me of what was already known to me."

"No. I have not seen interest to look after, and other people's."

"If you have no interest, then, to push through the claim you have commenced?"

"I intend to have it done at half-any reasonable."

"Notwithstanding you exercise the interests of others by what you do?"

"Let others take care of themselves. I have enough to do to look after one of my own concerns, without meddling with the concerns of others."

"Then you will not be present at the next unfortunate debtor."

"That is his look out, not mine," was coldly replied.

"Pardon me for suggesting, that as act like this exercises so much influence over the concerns here. No man, even declaredly done injury to another without a moral suffering. Powterfield is a poor debtor, as much as the party he has injured, although it may be, a different way from yours."

"I'll trust to all that, sir. Mr. Powterfield is in my power, and I mean to make him feel it."

"What claim have you against him, Mr. Wiley, seeking to destroy a man in this way?"

"I do not know that you have any right to demand to this course for my conduct. I am at least sure that I never gave you any such right," replied Wiley.

"I claim no right but the common right of humanity," said the gentleman, "and I do not shrink to acknowledge that, my interference in this matter can only be termed an impertinence."

"It is certainly not authorized by any relation existing between us," was the answer. "Therefore I cannot view it in any other light than the one you have intimated," was the haughty answer.

The old gentleman arose and arose from his chair; but, before leaving the office of the lawyer, he said with marked dignity and expression:

"Mr. Wiley, I am an old man. Nearly seventy years have I borne the burden of life. The heaviest griefs that I have gained some experience. Like the rest, I have erred in many things, and for every error there has been a sad, bitter retribution. Life has its seed time and its harvest. The one must inevitably be followed by the other. If the seed be good, but of the seed be evil seed, harvest time will bring a plentiful supply of bitter fruits. It cannot be otherwise. Beware, then, of all acts required by malice, revenge, or selfish complication, for, rest assured, that of some late period—it may be when your head is burned with age and your heart yearning for peace and repose—the harvest of this seed time will be ready, and the sickle have to be taken in hand to reap it. The heaviest griefs of wrong and passion that come in old age, Mr. Wiley, when the mind must needs repose and a clear conscience are the hardest to lay of any that disturb us in the whole journey of life."

The contemptuous expression that rested on the lawyer's features, changed too plainly to the visitor, that his words had failed to make any impression on his hardened heart. He therefore turned and walked away. As he left the office, Wiley muttered to himself—

"Oh, yes. The lashed cur can whine now; but his whine will rise into a cry ere long, or I am mistaken."

On the next day, notes amounting to four thousand dollars were brought into the lawyer, and from a settled dislike which he entertained for the unfortunate debtor, increased in his person. Some years before, Powterfield, who was a merchant, wounded the self love of the lawyer, who ever after felt towards him as an enemy. In the end he smelled the retaliation he at first experienced, for the lawyer's practice, and consequently his income, had become an elegant house immediately opposite the store in which Powterfield was doing business, and did it. Wiley was weak enough to think, by way of making him feel his enjoyment in proof of worldly wealth. The other person's uneasy feelings of the merchant stood smiling in the warm sunshine, but was soon looked down by Wiley without his seeing in every part of it, from cornice to parterre, a tone of triumph. The heart of Powterfield, too, when he bowed to him, had the same expression, and it was always in effect for him to return the bow with any thing more than the coldest civility.

At last Wiley began, as the saying is, to feel his feet on her him. He had talents and shrewdness, combined with persevering assiduity, and these gradually obtained him business. Fortune, too, yielding an income barely sufficient for the ordinary wants of social life, his practice gave him something over, and he began to accumulate. As soon as he had a few thousand dollars to invest, he looked around him for the means of making it productive. With the same interest of his little capital, he had no thought of being creditor. He expected at first yield a great deal more than that. So he became a speculator in the stock market, and through the aid and instruction of one of the knowing and secretly operating ones, he succeeded greatly. He rarely lost, and, not unfrequently doubled his investments. In this school he learned utterly to disregard the interests of others, and to look upon every man as common property, to be obtained by the readiest method and held by the strongest. If his neighbor had ten thousand dollars, and he could get them, transferred into his pocket by means of some sharp operation on the money market, he never stopped to trouble himself about the matter with sympathies. He never got a cent in that way

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We insert the above notice now, as we have from a gentleman at Evansville, Ind., who is in correspondence under the name of J. A. Power, has been passing himself off as an agent of the Post and other periodicals in that neighborhood.

THIS WEEK'S PAPER.

Looking over the matter prepared for our paper this week, it strikes us as being rather graver and more solid than usual—but we doubt that this will much displease our readers. "Inculcus and Harangues upon the mind the great necessity of being a man more, so shall he all—easy"—a moral which it behoves every one to bear in mind, but more especially those who have reached old age, and yet beginning to scatter broad-cast the first fruits seeds of wisdom.

We often hear young men talk of "sowing their wild oats," and we fear some the gay young blades consider appetites and passions—and they are too apt to think that these "wild oats" being sown, they are cast away from them forever. But they never can be the case. For every evil or unwise action is then contracted, he must pay a penalty. There is only one door of escape from this law of perfect justice, and that is through the heavenly portal of repentance and forgiveness.

Much how it is. If a young man give way to temptation, his weakness has been done to profit—the wrong he has done will be remembered and thrown in his face. We repeat the expression, for it is nearly doubtful whether the most candid customers afterwards from all kinds of crimes, excuse the mischief that has been done to youth—and the strength which was bartered away when strength was dearly, is mourned over when the toils themselves, and "the grasshopper is a burden."

Thus, also, it is with other officers against the moral law. What is done is done, and cannot be recalled—a most cause cannot even be atoned for, the reason who has been estranged, never can become again as cordiale to more life years as he was before—but time can heal, however severe the wound.

But as the thoughts suggested by Mr. Arthur's tale, we must not forget the other contents of this week's paper. We think the original articles we are now publishing upon the condition of things in Mexico, can not prove interesting to our readers. "Recollections of" says the proverb—and perhaps for this reason it is, that all that relates to the greatest literature the earth, and so of much interest to the greatest Republic. Byron, in that rather profane, but exceedingly witty poem, "The Vision of Judgment," speaking of the meeting between Lucifer and the archangel Michael, says:

> And thus between his Darkness and his Brightness,
> There passed a mutual glance of great politeness—

the parties, though so opposite as their natures, having, as the poet pictures it, a good deal of respect for each other,—that respect, we suppose,

> Is common worthy of their sense!

And on some principle of this character, doubtless, may we explain the cordiality which has for years existed between the governments of Russia and the United States.

But apart from this, Russia as the great "keeper" of Europe, becomes a subject of interest to all the enlightened world. With her increasing by intelligent masses, she hangs like a thunder-cloud in the North, threatening but the moment that the spread abroad devastation and ruin, and make of the whole of western Europe a second Poland. Yet many months ago the Czar is reported to have said to his officers at a Review, that before long he would lead them to blander fields than that on which they were then standing. And the underlined line which follows is one remarkable for the thought of Russia and its disciplined hordes, at a time of that stage which preceded the late war in Germany.

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CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

SENATE.

On the 8th inst., a message was received from the House communicating the Joint Resolutions relating to a vote of thanks and medals to Generals Scott and Taylor.

The resolutions were referred to the Military Committee.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the Ten Regiment Bill. Mr. Miller having the floor, argued that the ten regiments were not called for according to the objects contemplated in the act of the 13th of May, 1846. He could not forget the past remarks. Mr. Underwood obtained the floor, but yielded it to Mr. Miller.

On the 9th, Mr. Dix presented resolutions of instruction passed by the Legislature of New York, directing the Senators to vote in favor of the application of the Wilmot Proviso. Ordered to be printed.

The House bill, redefining the boundary line between Missouri and Arkansas, was passed.

Mr. Niles addressed the Senate upon the Ten Regiment Bill, and commenced his reply to Mr. Bell's accusation against the Democratic party of being actuated by a reckless desire for the acquisition by conquest. He blamed both parties for their conduct in regard to the war, and the present difficulties. He advocated the bill as order to keep military possession of the country for a short time. It was in favor of negotiation, and having no objection to the bill, would vote for it. He thought that the chances for peace would be strengthened by our military possession. The present Government was not responsible for the war. It came not unreasonable, and now was the time to make peace. Peace we could not be made, it was no justification for the States in prolong the war. Hostilities ought to be stopped while we had the cards in the hand of the basis of the original claim.

On the 10th, Mr. Calhoun introduced a joint resolution of thanks to Col. Doniphan and the officers and men under his command.

The Ten Regiment Bill came up for consideration, and Mr. Underwood addressed the Senate. He contended that the ground taken by the Administration of the conquest of the war was untenable; the annexation of Mexico was wholly impracticable; the people of Mexico were the only ones to be consulted; the people of Mexico were opposed to the annexation. Mr. Underwood read from Mexican papers to show that the Mexicans were determined to resist the annexation. He contended that the ground taken by the Administration of the conquest of the war was untenable; the annexation of Mexico was wholly impracticable; the people of Mexico were the only ones to be consulted; the people of Mexico were opposed to the annexation. He

Selected Poetry.

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S."

PSALM XXIV.

BY W. H. BLEDSOE.

Lord! the earth is Thine,
And the fullness of the sea—
Heaps of gold, and gems that shine,
Flashing through the flashing brine
All belong to Thee!
Underneath the pearly waters,
Where the great nautilosters roam,
There hast hollowed wond'rous caves
For thine coves latent,
Where huge Leviathan
Revels in his kingly might
Over tents of ebon-dye,
There hast builded temples there—
There hast harbored greater guests
Than the proudest works of man.
There unmeasured leagues lie
Hidden deep from human eye,
Lustrous gems, whose radiant gleams
Sparkle are in starry beams,—
All the wonders of the sea,
All the gems that flash and shine
Underneath the azure brine,
God! belong to Thee!

Lord! the earth is Thine,
And the fullness of the earth!
There, in sovereignty of will,
Thou dost overlasting toil,
Called the light—the vivus arcana
O'er the formless void went forth,
And the darkness fled!
From the mute chaos there leaped
Into to life this world you world—
Seas and skies with constant force
And undeviating course
Hills covered in living green,
Trees, and plant, and opening flower.
Then there leaped down from
Heard the mandate and Thy power
Instantly continued
All by Thee were called to birth,
Unto Purpose or Decree!
With a low and present tone.
All the lowly tone of Jesus—
Valleys with the sunshine dancing
On their verdant carpets spread,
Downward to their deepest basin—
Forests, ragged spotting
To the clouds their crowned heads—
And the undulating pain
Swaying with the evening grass—
These are Thine—and Thine the air
With its gorgeous pageantry,
And its shadows ever flitting
What dare ad upon The word.
Nature's Universal Lord!
Then to Thee, of late the Giver,
Praises be rendered now
Those be thanks and adoration,
Those be songs of exultation.
Tuneful and songs forever given—
Every voice in concert sounding,
Every heart with rapture bounding,
All harmonious anthems blending,
All in one sweet melody
Tribute of the Earth to Heaven!

The Moralist.

THE POETRY OF LIFE.

FROM CHAMBER'S EDINBURGH JOURNAL.

Amongst all the rashes which philosophers have delighted in speculating for the mental strength-ration, perhaps few have been put forth with so air of deeper originality than the simple and interesting question—What is life? Well, we need hardly be astonished, for the fallow is the answer to (what path) there certainly is no one question to which so many unwearied, yet genius answers have been, and be, returned. The philosopher may claim to themselves the merit of propounding the query; but the whole enlightened voice of humanity would be insufficient to fill up the reply. All who ever possessed a mind have tried the version of this chequered phrase, of all the beings who throng the commensurable universe, each is particularly reaching out to and how appreciate the life-teaching question. Generalize after generation will be called into being, suffer trials and pass on to the mighty chasm, each presenting some phase in the infinite particulars of life, and what then? Because the storage is exhausted, shall we refuse to drink? Because the field of nature is inexhaustible, shall we decline entering on such ground as? Let us rather climb to the mountain's top, and gaze with chastened reverence and uplifted hearts into the far-extending vista. Let us not seek rest from that stirring, till we have at least solved the riddle of our own human destiny, till we have partially discovered the bearings of our souls over from that vast labyrinth of existence.

What, then, is life? "A gilded toy," lightly exclaims one, "a feather borne upon the passing breeze, a bubble floating on the current, sparkling and sparkling brightest in the gayest sunshine. That is life; that the golden summer of all we hopes; this the sum of mortal joy! Merrily the send runs through, even to the last bright grain; and then——Well, as you will. Look for more, ye who like it best: trouble may always be had for wanting, and that without study, without even an anxious grudge. To you, a toil to enjoy life; to such, then, that life has only hearth's fuss. Live and let live, while ye may, the world is wide, and time too short to waste on idle fears." Alas, poor butterfly, unconscious thou sportest in the glittering sunshine. But is it well with thee, that all thy joy is but life, should come and go at the bad fading of an accident? Think yet again, then gaily trifler. And then, that the utmost space of consciousness—a helpless atom in a heedless whirl, the vanity festival in a game of chances? Is all of restlessness and fitness? Has that no higher meaning than the rattling of the dice-box? "Oh! no," impatiently ejaculates your careless, regardless of others' toilets. "The answer to a riddle's land in the last leaf of the book." Well answered, and the world could manage very well without any such idle trifles. The only sensible purpose of life, is to make your fortune as speedily as you can, and then enjoy it. Make yourself independent—that is the only thing worth doing in people's existence. And what signifies the non-sense and the waste of time, if you succeed in the comfortable being, and worth, as much as worth pay for his own coffee. Who really cares for such a man? Nobody. There are plenty of them. And most of men energy in their way: no doubt some very deep; many they have some talent for arrangement, and all that sort of thing. But what does it all come to? Why, you might see them in all by scores, like flies in dusty weather. And who ever troubles himself about any one of them? Nobody—nobody. Verse, Shelley, Hogarth—I have ranked the lives of your gossiping readers' and they were well enough, what is to feed, they gave a good dinner to most of his starvations, and any of whom of their dinners and their parties they had got him amongst them, so that he might have even supper? I suppose. Was one of any sense would squander away his life in so mere asinine folly? I has a man of some experience; and take my word for it, there is nothing like an independency, and nothing like working hard for it. There ought to have been a nation's work up to be would long before this time—No admittance except on business." It would not accord a day of merry. Talk about the object of life! If you want a patient that will wear well, and not wear out, stick to addition and subtraction—to the tapestry, or sentimental disrobing."

Well, well, I'll ask them of their experiences! Is but to live life's proud prerogative? Is, then, the very good, serious form of it? Has it so many sure bad to accompanies, but that some dreary 'independence?' Is its whole summit to dig a set into grave, money—money, money, and the strength until last, and then lie down as cold as rocks? Has life no other spring than this?—Wake songs! no infinite purpose?

"Infinite! Ah! no the sage's proudest flight is loftier than the paltry bartering of a sentence?" responds an eager, fearful voice. "Fortune is frail and fickle! Be cautious! but be wise! For that you must make! No: not for a barren subjugation! That we are lost into a world of wisdom too little true, but let us to lead while the mean-measure of the lofty praise that avoid our gaze.

Who that had a soul nobler than the grub upon his table, could boldly guess through life and die without a greater thought than were within the precincts of an ant-hill? For what do we live as men, if this be all our lot? Why not move into? Why eat our daily sustenance diverted by the same unceasing incident? Because these same concerns can feed a riches and a nobler harvest for those who have the strength to use the sickle. The soul must be arbiter of its own free lot—the fairest and fulfillment of its chosen purposes. And for what was man thus gifted with a consciousness of thought, a power of self-inspection, a capability of controlling even his own strong passions, and bending all to the accomplishment, of one life-absorbing object? Why was man formed to be a mighty plodder to struggle and to sympathize with his fellow-man? Was it that he should dedicate his unsurpassing energies to the merest insect task of procuring a brief and petty subsistence? Was it for this, oh benedient Giver of life and power? was it for this Thou grant'st man dominion over all Thy creatures? Nay, rather, be he who first commenced to his own life, barely consumes his noblest inheritance; and therefore shall lead him, and rule over him. What can distinguish man most nobly from his fellows? What, save the generous power of influencing all for good? To attain this power, to exert this God-like influence, in the truest and greatest circle of human life. This alone can shed a lustre over life's brief struggle, and cast an undying radiance throughout succeeding generations. This only can ennoble the mind, and give it power to make the world your debtor."

"Even so, brave sir!" adds a fourth in chilling accents; "kindly anticipating a lively and indelicate application of your words to the narrower, but the most touching acknowledgment of your wisdom. Well, well, I regret that, as the sole caterer of both a cold and withering mockery, a goodly-seeming boon, whose sweetest fruit is gall or rottenness. Joy to thy proud aspirings, thy yearning sympathies, thy lofty purposes, thy bold and generous trust in human gratitude! Fool! dreamer! a cold and bitter morning is at hand. happy for thee if death restore thy lofty dream its lullaby awakening. Dream on until thine eyes are opened to the stark reality! Dream on, to shriek out from thy hard-earned pantheon—cash to receive worth-bottom for thy pride, coldness for thy generosity, contempt for thy confidence! Dream on, and a cunning mixture for those expected gratitude, which is but an iron-clothing. Oh, be a brave world to try the toughness of a heart! Your vaunted excellence is life's true philosopher: he looks for nothing, and he finds all he seeks."

"Peace, trembling spirit!" exclaims a deep-seen voice, in tones of mingled power and compassion; "see with thy bitter sarcasms that befriend Nature's wondrous plan. Despite thy mockery, man has indeed a noble purpose to achieve; and high or low, or rich or poor, may signify not one. Nor is man's destiny a pensioned drop, a tool unworthy in God's fair universe. But what is man—his nature—his destiny? Why stands he then here decisions over all, and become the chosen delegate of omnipotence? Why should effect a triad his noble mystery of his being. He is an image of the God-Existent. His self-earth's inhabitants is a consensus and voluntary effort, can mould and fashion his own life's character; he only can lead into his own mind and heart, and consecrate it either to a heaven or a hell. He only can subdue and control his passions, and make them his servants, or suffer them to be mortally influence the target world without. Such is the tenure by which alone can stands at the head of God's creation; and such is the inalienable birthright, the essential privilege, tendency, of every human being—and that is man as man, and not as all-perfect, even-blessed angel, or shame the I AM—the Self-Existent; the dependent creature is the I and the self-dependent being. What, then, is it that we may be, if we will? What is that which no power can determine for us? What is that, which is the great business of life? Simply this—to bring our own short sight-ness into harmony with the wisdom of Omniscience, and our feeble powers into subjection with the omnipotence of Jehovah. They stands do then have decisions over all, and become the chosen delegate of omnipotence? Why should effect a triad his noble mystery of his being. He is an image of the God-Existent. His self of